

# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## LAST HOUR WAS VERY ANIMATED

Market Strongest at Close of the Week.

## SUDDEN UPWARD MOVEMENT

## OUTLOOK FOR RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS POOR.

New York, May 21.—The last hour of the week's trading in stocks was the most animated and the strongest of the whole week. The day's moderate gains were sufficient to decide the average for the week's movement on the side of gains. The bank statement proved an agreeable surprise and impelled a lively buying movement which lifted prices smartly. The movement was sudden and had not spread far in the list when the end of the session put an end to it. The closing was strong and heard the top level. The rather spasmodic movement in one or two stocks indicated some dissent on the part of the market. The loan reduction is pretty clearly due to the resort of the exchange market to the selling of long bills, the proceeds of which have been lengthened previously displacing loans with the banks. The process involves borrowing in London to meet the sterling bills when they mature there. It is evident, therefore, that the export of gold is no longer profitable as a simple exchange operation, and the early termination of the outward movement of gold is believed to be thus foreshadowed. The limitation of the cash decrease of the banks to \$7,853,300 in the week of the record exports of \$15,000,000 in gold is convincing evidence of the effective offsetting factors to the drain which is in operation.

The net result is to leave surplus reserve of the banks unimpaired. Total sales of bonds, par value, \$388,000.

## Outlook Not Bright.

The listless drift of prices of stocks in the index of the foreign state of speculative sentiment over the outlook for values. The outlook of gold may be accounted for by special causes, primarily the Panama canal payments and the American subscriptions to the Japanese and Russian loans. It is now freely conceded that the proceeds of the subscriptions are to be remitted in full to London. These three items would call for about \$30,000,000 in the exchange market. At the same time a reserve decline in the value of exports of grain and cotton for several months reduced the available supply of commercial exchange, throwing the remitters back on the necessity of exporting gold. Our supply of gold was highly redundant at that time. Japan had made payments for war material and supplies for this country by direct shipments of gold to San Francisco, and by reason of this inflow, and the supply of domestic and Klondike production of gold it is estimated that the total supply of gold in the country has been unimpaired in spite of the flow of gold exported from New York. It seems probable that the net results of the net gold export movement will prove small. It is pointed out that the large reduction in government deposits with banks has released a corresponding amount of government bonds which were used to secure the deposits, and has caused a fall in the market price. The cheaper price for the bonds widens the profits to the banks on bonds and issues and tends to stimulate the issue of bank notes in spite of diminished demands of the circulation.

## Review of the Week.

Railroad traffic officials are generally agreed that the outlook for a revival of traffic is not bright before the fall, and reports have been received of extensive plans for retrenchment by the railroads to offset the losses in gross earnings. Reports of railroad earnings as they come to hand fully bear out the opinions expressed of the declining tendency of earnings and the effect has been depressing on railroad stocks, especially those whose dividends seem to have their integrity threatened by the heavy declines in earnings. Advances from the iron and steel trade agree in anticipating a quiet season in the trade. The crop news of the week has failed to afford any support for stocks. The bond market was almost equally dull and sluggish with stocks. United States 2s, 3s and the old 4s have declined 1/4 per cent on call during the week.

## Bond Quotations.

U. S. 2s reg. 104 1/2	Manhattan com.	103
U. S. 3s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 4s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 5s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 6s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 7s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 8s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 9s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 10s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 11s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 12s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 13s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 14s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 15s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 16s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 17s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 18s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 19s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103
U. S. 20s reg. 104 1/2	Do. do. do.	103

## Stock Quotations.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchafalpa	1,100	69%	68%	69%
Preferred	1,100	69%	68%	69%
Bal. & Ohio	1,800	78%	78%	78%
Preferred	1,800	78%	78%	78%
Can. Pac. Ry.	1,900	117%	117%	117%
C. of N. Y. J.	1,900	117%	117%	117%
Chl. & Alton	200	97%	97%	97%
Preferred	190	10	25	89%
Chl. & W.	100	10	25	89%
Chl. & N. West	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Chl. M. & St. P.	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Preferred	900	17%	17%	17%
C. of N. Y. J.	1,000	17%	17%	17%
Colo. Southern	1,000	17%	17%	17%
Preferred	1,000	17%	17%	17%
Del. & Hudson	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Preferred	1,000	100%	100%	100%
D. & R. G.	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Preferred	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Erie	2,300	50%	50%	50%
Preferred	2,300	50%	50%	50%
Hocking Valley	500	35%	35%	35%
Preferred	500	35%	35%	35%
Iowa Central	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Preferred	1,000	100%	100%	100%
K. of N. Southern	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Preferred	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Lehigh & Nash.	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Preferred	1,000	100%	100%	100%
Met. Securities	1,000	100%	100%	100%